GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1852
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PLAN TO PHASE OUT MIG FLEET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has drawn out a plan to phase out the MIG fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present fleet of MIG with the Indian Air Force; and

(d) the reasons for phasing out the MIG fleet?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1852 14.3.2002

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) undertakes only the manufacture, upgrade, repair & overhaul of aircraft.The Indian Air Force and the Ministry of Defence decides on the phasing out of any aircraft.

While the production of MiG-21 aircraft and its variants and MiG-27 M aircraft which are the only type of MiG aircraft manufactured by HAL, continued upto 1987 and 1997 respectively, the upgrade programmes still continue at HAL.

IAF MiG fleet consists of MiG-21 variants, MiG-23, MiG-25, MiG-27 and MiG-29On the basis of authorised total technical life of the aircraft, the MiG fleet with IAF is expected to be in service with the IAF for quite sometime.